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*Work begins on New York's
Gay Rights Bill*

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Editorial

IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE PUBLISHING. . .

*With the exception of those few readers who work in the fields of advertising or publishing, our general readership has little familiarity with how we manage to put out a paper every week. Without casting ourselves in the roles of martyrs, the entire staff would agree with Craig Russell's lament in **Outrageous**, "It ain't easy in this crazy world." When a newspaper depends upon subscriptions and advertising for its revenues (as opposed to grants or continual donations), the resultant income pattern is erratic.*

Our weekly bills are the same, whether we have one subscription or five hundred, one page of ads or ten. There are peak periods like late spring and early summer, fall and the Christmas season; but even these traditionally prosperous periods vary from year to year, depending upon the general economic climate that year.

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Diverse Groups Join

Thousand Against Bryant in Canada

By Jim Marko

TORONTO, ONT. — On January 14, about 1,000 people rallied and marched against a weekend visit here by Anita Bryant. Various Canadian and U.S. gays rights activists, including National Gay Task Force Co-director Bruce Voeller, appeared at the rally at a commercial center called St. Lawrence Market. Entertainment was led by singer Maxine Feldman of Boston.

After the strong show of support at the rally, most of the crowd marched up Yonge St., a main commercial thoroughfare with a large gay population. A mile from the Market, the orderly march turned around and walked back.

The anti-Bryant rally was co-ordinated by an ad hoc committee made up of a number of Toronto-based

women's, lesbian and gay organizations. On the posters announcing the event, the committee called on the community: "Stop Anita Bryant's Crusade. Women's Rights Now. Lesbian Rights Now. Gay Rights Now."

The committee issued nine demands at the Saturday night rally, which came a few weeks after the raid of and obscenity charges filed against *The Body Politic* (see GCN Jan. 14, 1978, Vol. 5, No. 27 and GCN Jan. 21, Vol. 5, No. 28). The ad hoc organization called for the "immediate inclusion of sexual orientation" in the human rights code before the Ontario legislature.

The group also called for child custody rights for lesbian mothers; full sexual rights for youth; freedom of the press and defense of *The Body Politic*;

economic independence for women; job security for women; job security for gays and lesbians; an end to discrimination against gay teachers and social service workers; and an end to police harassment.

A second demonstration was held on Sunday night, Jan. 15 as Bryant took her anti-gay polemics to the People's Church in Willowdale, a Toronto suburb. About 500 people gathered across the street from that building, chanting and carrying signs. One person was reportedly arrested for disorderly conduct and the pastor of the church was hit with a cream pie.

Bryant's appearance at the church was organized by a group called Renaissance International, which was created in Toronto last year. It has dedicated itself to "keeping gay people out

of the school system," and came into existence following a speaking engagement by two gay people at a local school.

Rick Rebaut, a member of *The Body Politic* collective, told GCN that the community was already preparing itself for a second visit by Bryant — scheduled for March. "We'll be together then, as we were this past weekend," he said.

Rebaut pointed out that much of the success for the rally and demonstrations in Toronto was due to the organizing and co-ordinating efforts of women's groups. "The men and women came together under the leadership of women," he said. "The real co-ordination and leadership came from the women and we joined together. It was very heartening."

NGTF and CLGR Present Views

Gay Groups Meet with NYC Officials on Bill

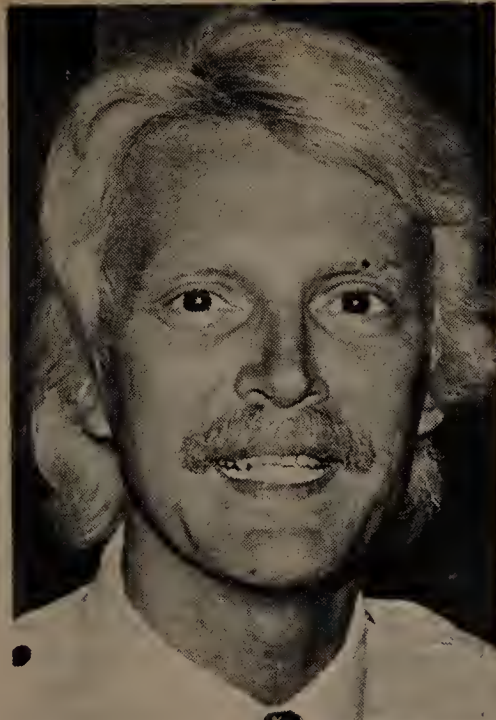
By Tony Domenick

NEW YORK, NY — City Council member Henry Stern is planning to re-introduce a gay rights bill here, after consulting with leaders of the gay community on language and tactics. The bill under discussion is not the executive order announced by Mayor Edward Koch banning discrimination against homosexuals in all areas of city employment (see GCN Jan. 14, 1978, Vol. 5, No. 27). The intent of the new bill, which has not yet been drafted, will be to outlaw discrimination against gays in employment, housing and public accommodation city-wide. Council member Stern said, "We will do this essentially by giving the Human Rights Commission jurisdiction over bias against gays."

Community Concern

There is presently much concern in the New York gay community about whether the bill will be passed this year and who the sponsors will be. According to David Thorstad, spokesperson for the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights, Stern is slowly being "eased out" as sponsor of the measure because various gay constituents feel "Stern wants this position only for the

glory and advancement of his career." "I don't care who sponsors the bill,"



NGTF's Bruce Voeller

Thorstad told GCN, "I just want to see the bill passed now."

Thorstad has contacted Stern about the bill twice but Stern, Thorstad said,

has not returned his calls. "This delay may have something to do with the fact that Koch's aides have told him [Koch] to stay as far away from the gay issue as possible. It's obvious to me that Stern is postponing the bill," said Thorstad. Councilor Stern said, however, "There is no rush on passage of the bill. The Council's committees don't even exist yet."

David Thorstad referred to an interview with Stern on New York radio station WBAI in which Stern said that he had no intention of reintroducing the bill this month, or next month, because of the ramifications involved with the language.

The Coalition has proposed that the phrase "sexual or affectional orientation" be included in the measure. "Our position is that we will oppose any attempts to amend the bill, weaken it or to have it exclude any segment of the gay and lesbian community from protection. We want the strongest bill possible," said Thorstad.

NGTF Meets

Bruck Voeller, Co-director of the National Gay Task Force met this week with Herbert Rickman, top aide to

Mayor Koch. Voeller told GCN that he does not want this gay rights bill to be a part of any affirmative action program.

When Koch was a member of Congress, he introduced a program that involved a quota system, for the hiring of minorities in city employment. "We feel that in the case of gays," Voeller said, "an affirmative action program is inappropriate. This program would enable the government to investigate the private lives of its citizens."

"If we enforce this program, it would have a disastrous effect, by allowing a 20% minority of gays to be employed in the city government, causing problems with the other minority groups in the city," said Voeller.

In May of 1974, the City Council of New York defeated a similar gay rights bill, which was also later killed in the General Welfare Committee. If the city passes the measure, New York will be the 43rd city in the country to have a bill protecting the rights of lesbians and gay people.

Gay Prisoner Is Freed Early in USSR

MOSCOW — The Russian film director Sergei Paradzhanov, who was sent to a labor camp in 1973 for being a homosexual, has been freed. According to a report in London's *Gay News*, Paradzhanov's release from the labor colony in the Ukraine came one year before completion of his sentence and a month after Angelo Pezzana, a member of the Italian Parliament, visited Moscow.

Pezzana called a news conference for western journalists during his visit to Russia and condemned the Soviet Union's laws against homosexuality as a violation of basic human rights. The

Italian MP particularly criticized the imprisonment of Paradzhanov.

At his 1973 trial the director, whose film "Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors" was highly praised in its American showing, was accused of homosexuality and "currency speculation." No details of the trial were released by authorities but Paradzhanov was sentenced to five years under "Strict Regime" at the labor camp.

According to Amnesty International, prisoners under "Strict Regime" are required to do "heavy manual work, such as laying sewers, roadbuilding, lumber work, and work

in factories where air pollution is dangerous to health and conditions are noisy and cause nervous and physical strain."

AI also said that such prisoners are kept on a starvation diet. In 1974, prisoners in a "Strict Regime Corrective Labor Colony" in Mordovia gave Amnesty International a breakdown of their daily diet. It allowed each prisoner 2,600 calories a day.

Amnesty International noted that by international standards the work done by such prisoners can be described as "very active." The amount of calories needed to give a person the energy to

work actively for eight hours a day is between 3,100 and 3,900. Prisoners under "Strict Regime" are given, according to the standards, a thousand fewer calories than is necessary.

"As the prisoner's physical condition deteriorates," AI reported, "his work capacity is diminished. For low work output, he is liable to be punished by reduced diet. He is in a vicious circle resulting in chronic caloric and protein malnutrition."

There has been no report on the condition of Sergei Paradzhanov after his release from the colony in the Ukraine.

News Notes

GAYCOTT IN HAWAII

HONOLULU — The Whitman/Stein Political Club of Hawaii has announced its support of "human rights for all people" in protest of the treatment given a Japanese National by US Customs officials. The gay group claimed that the individual involved was detained without due process. Leo J. Vitali, chairperson of Whitman/Stein claimed that the Customs officials went through the person's mail after he announced to them that he was gay.

"It is indeed unfortunate," said Vitali, "that he had to feel the discrimination that many American homosexuals have had to learn to live with simply because he said he is gay."

The Whitman/Stein Political Club has asked that "Hawaii be placed on the gaycott list." The club said it was "aware that the gaycott of orange juice has had an effect and that the gaycott of Coors Beer has brought that company down to only number two in the state of California. It's hoped by many that a gaycott of Hawaii by the Gay Tourist will be of short duration."

BATH RAID IN S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO — Police officers, reportedly acting without the authorization of higher officials, arrested three people at a bath house in this city. According to B. J. Beckwith, the attorney for the Liberty Baths, the officers "sprinted upstairs" without permission and arrested the three people in an orgy room. The three were charged, on January 4, with lewd conduct and were released on their own recognizance. Deputy District Attorney John Dwyer announced the following day that the charges would be dropped because, "There's no question this was a private place."

On January 1, 1978, it became legal in California for persons over the age of eighteen to have sex in private.

San Francisco Police Chief Charles Gain immediately denied there was any crackdown on gay establishments and defended the action of the arresting officers. Gain said that the police had "observed unlawful acts in a public place."

GAY CANDIDATE

CHICAGO — An openly gay man is running for State Representative in Chicago's North Side 13th District. Gary Nepon, whose campaign theme centers on the issue of "human rights at home," is a 28-year-old business person.

A strong supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment, Nepon has also called for passage of freedom of information legislation in Illinois, "a return to the right of individual freedom of choice for women with regard to abortion," the reform of the election process and passage of a "pro-family, no-fault divorce law" in his state.

"American gay men and women are misunderstood and unrepresented because of unfounded fear and bigotry," Nepon said. "I would ask that our leaders take a close look at what is happening with human rights right here at home, make a moral decision, and act strongly on behalf of the good citizens of this land as I always intend to do."

MEN AS MEN

BOSTON — A workshop entitled "Men as Men" will be conducted by Counseling Associates of Boston on February 5 and 6 at the Pequod Counseling Collective in Cambridge.

The workshop, a two day exercise in self-exploration, is described by directors as an opportunity for men to share with one another their experience of the meaning of being male. Under the direction of Charles Fauteaux, Alex MacMillan, and Patrick Sullivan, participants will meet in large and small groups to examine their roles as men. Emphasis will be given to the roles of men as sons, brothers, lovers, husbands, fathers and workers. Sessions will utilize psychodrama, sociodrama, spontaneous encounter, guided fantasy, movement and dance, to help participants explore and work through blocks to fuller living.

Further information of the workshop may be obtained by writing "MEN AS MEN", c/o Alex MacMillan, 3 Athens Terrace, Cambridge, MA. 02138; or by calling 876-0301.

BELLA RUNS AGAIN

NEW YORK — Bella Abzug will be the Democratic nominee for the House of Representatives seat vacated by New York City Mayor Edward Koch. The seat in the 18th Congressional District, of Manhattan's East Side, will be filled in a special election on Feb. 14.

State Supreme Court Justice Max Bloom ruled that six disputed ballots all cast for Abzug at a County Committee meeting should be counted, thus giving her a victory over Carter Burden.

Abzug, a staunch and long-time supporter of gay rights, was a member of the House who recently lost two primaries — for Senator and Mayor.

LABOR SUPPORT

LONDON — The National Association of Local Government Officers, Britain's fourth-largest union, announced that it will not hold its 1981 convention in Scarborough as planned. The organization, with a membership of 700,000, made its decision after the town refused to allow the Campaign for Homosexual Equality to hold its meeting there.

The union's conference is the largest gathering of its kind in Britain and provides about \$900,000 in business for the host town.

MAGAZINE CENSORED

LONDON — Citing an article on lesbianism, censors banned an issue of the South African women's magazine *Darling*. According to London's Gay News, the article had been reprinted from a British teenagers' journal and featured interviews with lesbian activists in the gay movement.

Marilyn Hattingh, the editor of *Darling*, accused the censors of intolerance, adding that it appeared from their decision that even discussing lesbianism was "distasteful." Explaining that the article was nothing more than a plea for tolerance, Hattingh said it was the "right article for the right readership." The magazine is not planning to appeal the censorship ruling.

ANOTHER TAX EXEMPT

DETROIT — A federal tax exemption as a civic organization has been granted to the Association of Suburban People (ASP), a civic and civil rights group in this city. Until very recently only a few organizations had been able to secure such status, under IRC Section 501 (c) (4) and then only by eliminating any pro-gay programs.

The group's exemption is without restriction except for the one that applies to all applicants. That regulation is that civic organizations can lobby for or against legislation but not candidates.

DC HUMAN RIGHTS

WASHINGTON, DC — The Human Rights Act of 1977, for the city of Washington, has cleared the required 30-day period and become law. The measure was formerly passed by the City Council by a vote of 12 to 1.

The act includes a provision against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

BODY POLITIC SUPPORT

TORONTO, Ont. — Overwhelming support, both in Canada and the U.S., continues for *The Body Politic*. To date, the defense fund for the paper has collected some \$7,000.

On Friday, Jan. 20, three members of the collective will have their first court hearing to determine their trial date on obscenity charges.

The newspaper was raided and its files confiscated on Jan. 5, as Toronto police charged the gay journal with printing, publishing, distributing, and circulating obscene material and for "transmitting or delivering anything that is obscene, indecent, immoral or scurrilous."

Contributions should be sent to Lynn King, in trust for the Body Politic Free the Press Fund, 111 Richmond St. W., Suite 320, Toronto, Ont., Canada M5H 3N6.

TRIES TO HALT RUSH

SACRAMENTO, CA — A Superior Court judge in this city has temporarily banned the sale and distribution of "Rush," a butyl nitrate "room deodorizer" manufactured by the Pacific Western Distributing Corp. Judge John Sapunor banned the sale pending a hearing on a permanent injunction to be held in early February.

Judge Sapunor acted at the request of the California State Dept. of Health which had claimed that "Rush" caused "headaches, dizziness, rapid heart beat, low blood pressure and interference with breathing, which could lead to coma or death."

Richard Osen, lawyer for Pacific Western, said the product was not a drug but a room deodorizer. "Seven million bottles of this product have been marketed since 1971," he said. "If it has adverse effects, it certainly would have come to our attention."

SEXUAL OUTLAW

NEW YORK CITY — Dell Books is trying out a new approach to the gay market in its promotion of John Rechy's recent novel *Sexual Outlaw*. The publisher has begun a giveaway of merchandise in gay bars and bath houses. *Publishers Weekly* reports that Dell has sent *Sexual Outlaw* matchbooks and memo pads to bars and baths across the country, along with letters encouraging proprietors to distribute them.

Dell advertising manager Pat Cool called *Sexual Outlaw* the "first mass market book on homosexuality." The book has a first paperback printing of 400,000 copies.

Publishers Weekly called Dell's campaign a "publishing first." The publishing house has placed material in bars and baths in 32 major cities.

PENN. CONFERENCE

HARRISBURG, PA — The Pennsylvania Council for Sexual Minorities and the Pennsylvania Rural Gay Caucus are holding a state-wide conference the weekend of January 20. Called *Pride '78*, the conference is being held to "find out what's happening and what could happen in Penn., to learn about the lifestyles of gay brothers and sisters and to discover how gay life could be better."

Mass. State Rep. Elaine Noble, National Gay Task Force Co-director Bruce Voeller and Penn. Council for Sexual Minorities Chairperson Tony Silvestre are the featured speakers.

For information about the conference call (215) 437-2642 or write *Pride '78*, Box 552, Lancaster, PA 17604.

HELP N.O.W.

BOSTON — The National Organization for Women is seeking Congressional District Coordinators for the campaign it has initiated to extend the deadline for ratification of the ERA until 1978. The Extension Resolution (HJR 638) is expected to come before the House of Representatives for a vote this spring.

In addition to the coordinators, NOW is asking for 10 lobbying organizers within each district and for individuals to write their representatives. Copies of those letters should be sent to NOW, 1831 Washington St., Auburndale, MA 02166.

EQUAL PROTECTION

DETROIT — A traffic judge in this city has dismissed all street prostitution cases brought before him since a new law took effect on December 26. Judge William C. Hague said he is protecting prostitutes from legislative excesses by blunting the effect of the new ordinance which requires jail sentences for street prostitutes and their customers.

Hague said the new law discriminated against prostitutes not engaged in streetwalking at the time of their arrest. He noted that the City Council had no right to require mandatory sentences.

"I can sentence persons convicted of engaging in prostitution inside a building to up to 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine," Judge Hague said. "But this ordinance on street prostitution says 20 days and a \$250 fine. That's all it says."

Citing his "responsibility to protect the public from legislative excesses," Judge Hague said that "even prostitutes are entitled to equal protection of the law."

Lesbian Can Only Hold Non-teaching Job

Alaska School District Approves Gay Ban

ANCHORAGE, AL — The gay community in this major city finds itself involved with two issues concerning the school system.

The Copper River School Board in Anchorage has adopted a morals policy prohibiting homosexuality and cohabitation by school system employees.

Introduced by school board member Paul Weir, the new code states that the "definition of immorality, moral turpitude and unfitness to teach shall include . . . any act that includes such acts or practices as are inconsistent with decency, good order and propriety of personal conduct, or are contrary to the laws of the state of Alaska."

The code continues: "Any employee

of the . . . school district shall be dismissed from employment . . . after due process for engaging in homosexuality, lesbianism or sodomy or anyone who openly declares himself or herself to be a homosexual or lesbian, and any employee of the district who is found to be living in a state of cohabitation."

According to school superintendent Dr. Alfred Krinke, there are no plans to search out current employees in the district who fall into the categories mentioned. Declining to comment on the code, Krinke said, "The board passed it and we'll do the best we can to live with it."

Kathy Sloboda, a 16-year-old resident of the district, said she and other students were against the code. "Mainly," she said, "I felt it was an

invasion of privacy to an individual to have to be subjected to that kind of surveillance and to have to make a statement before being employed that they are not a homosexual, lesbian or cohabitating."

Board member Weir said he authored the code because of his "overriding concern" for the employees with whom students come into contact. He added that the code would give the school district "a set of standards that the employees are guided by."

Meanwhile, an agreement allowing a lesbian teacher to continue working in the Anchorage School District in a non-teaching position was made between the school board and the Anchorage Education Association.

Under the terms of the agreement, Michele Lish will continue working in

the district with federal programs and will be subject to reassignment to some other non-classroom position in the future.

Lish previously taught a combined first and second grade class at an elementary school in Anchorage and was transferred to the administrative position following two attempts by the school board to fire her.

Both parties in the dispute agreed that the case should be handled as a personnel matter and that all pending litigation will be dismissed. Court orders blocking Lish's suspension on two different occasions last year said that the school board could not terminate her without a hearing which "properly afforded the plaintiff due process of law."

Boston/Boise Presses The Globe for Meeting

BOSTON — The Boston/Boise Committee, which was created after the indictment of 24 men in an alleged, so-called "boy-sex ring," has called for an immediate meeting with the editor of the *Boston Globe*, Thomas Winship.

Committee member Tom Reeves told GCN that the group wants to discuss "the failure of the *Globe* to print retractions, which its ombudsman [Charles Whipple] promised to three representatives of the committee on December 22, 1977."

"Having admitted 'major error,' " said Reeves, "the *Globe* is extremely irresponsible in not providing quick remedy to the men who have been libeled and to the gay community. Reputations have been ruined because of the *Globe's* sensationalism and errors."

On Tuesday, January 25 at 8 p.m. at the Old West Church on Cambridge St. in Boston, the committee will hold an open forum.

All persons or groups in the gay community who agree or disagree with the committee's stands, on what Tom Reeves called "these civil liberties issues," are invited to the community meeting. Attorney William Homans, defense attorney for one of the defendants and well-known for his handling of the defense in the Edelin abortion trial, will be one of the speakers. The floor will be open to questions and full discussion of the issues raised by Boston/Boise.

Late this week, Tom Reeves said that the committee was still awaiting a reply from State Representative Barney Frank, concerning his discussions with Assistant District Attorney Thomas Dwyer.



photo by Michael Thompson

Tom Reeves of the Boston/Boise Committee.

As reported last week in GCN, Dwyer had pledged to destroy any information received on the now shut-down "hotline," which "does not constitute a serious investigative lead." The committee is seeking further clarification from the office of the Suffolk County District Attorney.

LAPD Chief Runs for Governor

GARDEN GROVE, CA — Anti-gay Los Angeles Police Chief Edward Davis has resigned his post and announced his candidacy for the California gubernatorial nomination. In an appearance before a gathering at the Garden Grove Community Church, Davis began campaigning with comments his critics have come to expect.

The police officer turned politician told his audience that there is a liberal trend of thought in the nation "that says do not enforce victimless crimes, do nothing about prostitution, do nothing about open, ostentatious homosexuality; forget about this, forget about that; and I've said baloney."

Davis, who earned the name "Crazy Ed" among his critics, is listed as a special consultant to an organization called *Christian Cause*. That group is conducting a nationwide appeal for funds addressed to "Dear Potential Victim." The mailing calls for support for Anita Bryant and condemns homosexuality as part of the "moral degeneracy of our society."

With his personal emphasis on morality and the family, Davis has already been setting himself apart from Democratic Governor Edmund Jerry Brown and from a full field of Republican hopefuls.

Besides Davis, the other candidates for Governor of California are Evelle

Younger, the Attorney General of the state; Mayor Peter Wilson of San Diego; Fresno General Assembly member Ken Maddy; and anti-gay State Senator John Briggs of Fullerton.



Candidate Edward Davis

Political observers in California have written off Davis' prospects. Reportedly his strength is in Los Angeles County and there he faces almost certain opposition from the influential *Los Angeles Times*.

Despite the observations, Davis is ranked second in some polls behind Attorney General Younger, and has recently been closing the gap.

FBI Arrests Black mailer of Gays

NEW YORK — A 40-year-old man, who fled New York State 11 years ago after pleading guilty to charges that he had been a leader of a nationwide ring extorting money from homosexuals, was arrested last week by FBI agents at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

Identified by Federal agents as Sherman Chadwick Kaminsky, a Baltimore native, he was wanted by federal officials on 64 counts of extortion in several cities, including New York.

Kaminsky was arraigned before a US Magistrate on fugitive charges and held in King County jail in Seattle pending a hearing on a bail request this week.

According to investigators, the cases involved large sums of money paid, by among others, a member of Congress, a general who committed suicide rather than be exposed as a homosexual, an admiral, and several show business figures and business persons.

The ring reportedly included a former Chicago police detective who was said to be the leader, some ex-convicts and college students. The scheme involved using young homosexuals to lure and then "compromise the victims" who were forced to pay an amount of money or be exposed to their families and friends as being gay.

Kaminsky had, according to a spokesperson for the FBI, lived for much of the last eleven years in Denver under the name Calvin Paley. In Denver, he reportedly was the owner of a rabbit-raising business and a hair-replacement distribution concern.

Robert Gast, assistant agent in charge of the investigation, said there was no evidence of continuing extortion activities by Kaminsky since he fled prosecution on New York State charges in 1966.

Federal agents would not describe the circumstances of Kaminsky's arrest

except to say that the trail which "went cold" shortly after he fled eleven years



Sherman Kaminsky

ago, had remained that way until a week ago. Information received by the bureau led to inquiries by the Denver field office of the FBI and eventually to the Seattle airport. Agents intercepted Kaminsky as he was changing

planes en route to Denver from Vancouver, B.C.

Little could be determined about Kaminsky's life since he jumped bail. Agents said that he owned a company called United Farm Industries, Inc. and a firm called Adonis Hair Replacement Dist., both based in Denver. Frank De Bono, the owner of both concerns, said, however, that was not true.

De Bono told reporters that the man known to him as Calvin Paley had responded to an advertisement by the company for a salesperson last January and subsequently became an "investigator" or "stockholder" in both firms. He also had some "marketing and sales duties." "I'm totally shocked and I don't know much else about him except that he was a fantastic salesman," said De Bono.

editorial

IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE PUBLISHING. . .

The first quarter of each year not only brings plummeting temperatures, but also a large drop in a newspaper's revenues. Advertisers and their customers have spent beyond their limits during the holiday period. Budgets tend to be lopsided, with large expenditures for advertising and promotion scheduled for early spring. In other words, winter is a hard period for GCN to plough through financially.

This is GCN's fifth winter. Yes, we have managed — barely. Last year, from February through early May, staff salaries were paid irregularly. Expenses have been cut more than 10%, our life's blood is still our volunteers, and yet the state of our finances remains precarious.

Yet, despite all the financial red flags signalling defeat, the quality of GCN has not suffered; in fact, we like to believe we are improving with every issue. It is ironic that precisely at this critical period we have received more mail (from all over the country) letting us know how much we are noticed, read closely and talked about. One reader recently characterized his relationship with GCN as a "love affair" — we have pleased him, helped him, irritated him, but we have never disappointed him. At a time when many gay publications have opted for (or been co-opted by) a competitive, hierarchical organization, GCN has maintained a collective structure — decisions are made by the full staff.

If our difference from other gay publications is to be our strength, then our collectivity must extend beyond our own office to a more direct means of support from the entire gay community. If we are to continue to be a consistent voice of the gay community, then, when we need to pay our printer and typesetter; when our staff is struggling to pay the rent on their own apartments; when, by missing one week of scheduled publication, we lose our credibility as a gay weekly, the time for sharing the burden has arrived. GCN will only keep going if the entire gay community, every reader in every state, tightens what may already be a tight belt, and sends a donation. The ideal donation would be \$10. For some, this is not much; for others it means a great deal. Think, before you write your check or money order, of how much information and pleasure you have derived from the pages of the Gay Community News.

Last year at this time we asked only our subscribers to help out. It was not sufficient. This year, we would ask anyone who has ever felt the need to be informed on any aspect of the gay community to keep GCN in mind. Remember the next time you reach in your pocket or make a pledge to other good causes, should not GCN be a top priority?

We have earned the respect of both the gay and straight communities. We have served you well. The thank yous are elating, but not, unfortunately, enough.

We cannot give out copies of "Great Moments in Our History," or even umbrellas or rain bonnets, but we can suggest that a long-term subscription is one of the best ways to invest in GCN's future. It is both a measure of your support and your faith in our commitment to keep the paper going.

And we are as determined as ever to keep publishing every week. Five years is an historic landmark when the journey has taken you from a mimeographed broadside to a 20-page newspaper.

When our business manager throws up his hands, and whispers retreat, he is reminded by one of our stalwarts (a GCN'er who has been associated with the paper since its inception), "Oh, this is nothing compared to the great GCN depression of '74 (or '75, or '76). Such comparisons are both heartwarming and heartrending. We have bounced back before — always with the help of the gay community — and hopefully we will do so again.

Our plea extends to our advertisers as well. Nothing would please us more, and be more fitting, than for those businesses which depend on the gay community for their livelihood to reciprocate by taking out ads regularly in GCN. Our money should remain in our community. Nothing pleases our advertisers more than to have gay people walk-in and tell them they saw their ad in GCN.

Our struggle is a collective one. It continues. We will continue. We need, seek, and welcome your support.

community voices

mother and child

Dear GCN:

Having feigned tolerance for quite some time, I have to say honestly that I don't like lesbians who don't like kids, and/or certainly cannot approve of some of the manifestations of this I've noticed in the local bars (excluding Ann McGuire who deserves possibly a laurel for the "most outstanding" exception).

What is it about seeing a gay mother and her child that arouses such hostility among her supposed sisters? This reaction, somehow, seems pretty shallow to me and about as relevant to gay women accepting one another as Anita Bryant's recent attempts at classifying all homosexuals as "child molesters." (If the comparison seems far-fetched, then I apologize. I'm in no way intending to equate these two issues.)

It's just that oppression is still oppression to me, no matter where you happen to be viewing it from; and it seems at times that we, as a group of gay people, enjoy using issues, like Anita Bryant and others, as excuses for ignoring our own oppressive mistakes. I'd really like to see this striving for pride and acceptance in the outside world brought back a little closer to home and/or us cleaning up our own acts (as the expression goes) a little more responsibly first.

Kidless, yet concerned,

K. J. Kingry

necessary news

To the Editor:

In your January 14th issue, Charles Bedard wrote complaining about your constant inclusion of articles and pictures of Anita Bryant, describing her as a "bigot." Bigot though she may be, I would still like to know what she is up to, and one good way is to read of her efforts and battles in GCN. It's a form of self-defense. Thanks for keeping me informed.

In the same issue, you ran a front page story on N.Y.C. Mayor Edward Koch, who seems to be making great efforts to reverse the discrimination against gays in that city. What a joy to have a man who is willing to risk public favor, in such an important office. Society will change its Victorian attitudes, but only with much encouragement and argument from people such as Mayor Koch.

Sincerely,

Andrew C. Irish
Clifton Park, NY

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kinsey as hero

Dear GCN:

This is just to thank, bless — whatever — Robert Etherington for his two-part evaluation of the life and work of Alfred Kinsey. Kinsey was the most dependable sort of ally we who call ourselves homosexual could ever hope for — a man who understood that whatever happens is "natural," including, ironically, public indignation and/or condemnation of that same idea. That a man so free of bias would vindicate our habits and preferences, to the peril of his own professional life and personal privacy, is surely one of the greatest measures of support we have ever received. Thanks Alfred, Thanks Robert, Thanks GCN.

Doug Best
Provincetown, MA

kids as faggots

To the Editor:

It was interesting and at the same time frustrating to observe the attitude and comments of Dr. Max Rafferty in the recent article, "The Anita Bryant Story." He spoke in reference to the harmful influence that homosexuality and homosexual teachers have upon young school children. He draws a fairly strong and distinct border between young, impressionable children and older, practicing homosexuals. The implication is that young children are a group that is not associated with and should not be associated with homosexuality.

While reading the article, I was immediately stricken with memories of myself as a child amidst other children. As early as my memory allows, I recall being drawn toward same sex individuals. There wasn't anyone that informed me beforehand that I should or shouldn't be so drawn. I remember too, discovering the stigma attached to inclinations such as my own. One angrily or laughingly called someone a "faggot" or a "queer" — it was perhaps the ultimate insult. The atmosphere that I grew up in was unquestionably anti-gay, and I can recall no support of the homosexual experience during all of my school years.

Still, in an atmosphere so hostile toward homosexuality, an atmosphere which forced myself and no doubt countless others to constantly dismiss natural longings, my sexual nature never altered. It would appear that Dr. Rafferty and others with similar attitudes ignore the fact that many young children are, from a very early age, homosexually inclined. It seems that one's sexual orientation remains basically the same, though it can not be denied that one's attitude toward it can change to one of acceptance, non-acceptance, or a mixture of both. It would follow that to condemn homosexuals is to not only condemn those who are post pubescent and practicing, but also, many young children who, regardless of sexual propaganda, maintain a homosexual predisposition.

Sincerely,

Thomas Conway
Boston, Mass.

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Triple Gay Wedding! Last Saturday (Jan. 14), three gay couples were joined together by Rev. Ruth Barksdale in a wedding ceremony in Weymouth, Mass. The newlyweds are Lee Whiting and Ann Reilly, Terry Barrett and Stacey Whiting and Matthew Lineberger and Mark Redcrosses. Above, the couples sip champagne at their reception at the Club '76.

photo by Marcus DiVito

DID YOU SEE ?

Hard-working taxpayers are shelling out \$78,400 so two college professors can study the love, sexual and working relationships of couples — two-thirds of whom will be gay.

The tax-supported National Science Foundation (NSF) funded the study being done by two University of Washington sociologists, Dr. Pepper Schwartz and Dr. Philip Blumstein.

And even more outrageous, a top NSF official openly praises the research. "I would say that heterosexual couples have something to learn from homosexual couples," declared Dr. Herbert Costner, director of the NSF's Division of Social Sciences.

Dr. Schwartz said the study's purpose was to find what kinds of relationships "give higher or lower satisfaction."

"Of those 300 couples, one-third will be heterosexual couples, married or unmarried," said Dr. Blumstein. "One-third will be lesbian couples and one-third will be male homosexual couples."

Added Dr. Schwartz: "We don't

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have money to pay the people that take the questionnaire. But we will have about \$20 to pay those people we interview." That means those 300 interviews will empty \$6,000 out of taxpayers' pockets.

To find participants, the researchers are putting up notices in bars, restaurants and other public places.

Not content just to round up subjects in their own Seattle, Wash., stomping grounds, the researchers will also seek out volunteers in San Francisco and New York because "we wanted large gay population bases," said Dr. Schwartz.

And all this attention has the gays jumping for joy.

If pleased with the project's progress, the NSF can choose to fund it for a second and third year. And if the additional requested funds are granted, this nauseating waste of money will total \$217,700 over the three-year life of the study.

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What Does Soft Core Porn Really Mean to the Gay Male?

By Michael Bronski
In The Beginning

In the beginning was *After Dark*. Well into its tenth year of publication, this is the grandparent of soft core gay male porno. I can remember first seeing a copy of it in 1968. My parents had picked it up in the lobby of some Broadway theater and carted it back home with their *Playbills*. I doubt if they ever read it (the little of it that there is to read) and it landed up atop a pile of old newspapers. After a decent interval I surreptitiously took it up to my room to examine it with the care I could not take in the living room. There was very little worth reading — mostly puff pieces and semi-illiterate reviews — but the photographs were a revelation. In the late sixties the suburbs were virtually immune to pornography. One knew that it existed in The City, and that some stores on 42nd St. even had pictures of naked men. But the young suburban queer had to satisfy himself with the indiscreet photos on the sports page, Bible movies where Charlton Heston had his shirt off most of the time, and those scenes in *Hardy Boys* books where Joe, Frank, and Chet all had to change into their swim trunks in the same room.

In 1969 *After Dark* was by no means hot stuff. There were no pictures containing frontal nudity and no overtly gay material. You could however count on them to reprint every movie scene in which a man had his shirt off, every ballet that featured some nudity or at least very tight tights, and lots of ads for mens' undershorts and tank tops. Their main staple in features was the interview with either the old female film star or the youngrising female singer. It was billed as an ENTERTAINMENT magazine, but any gay man, closet case, or "aware" straight person would have no trouble ascertaining who the magazine was really published for.

I suspect that in the early days, *After Dark* was important to a lot of men. It was a national publication and available almost anywhere. It catered to the cultural tastes of a segment of the gay community, and it supplied men with photographs that were titillating, if not stimulating. While many will hold that such photos are sexist and exploitative it must be remembered that in those days any gleanings of gay sexuality might have been helpful and supportive to people finding their own sexuality. The major fault of *After Dark*, however — then and now — is that it is a closeted gay magazine. They have a history of not printing — in fact, avoiding — any articles with overt gay content. Although a bit better these days, their gay content is just a little bit greater than that of *The New York Times*.

The Ads

After Dark began publishing over ten years ago. There are now four other mass market magazines, *Blueboy*, *Mandate*, *In Touch* and *Playguy*, that cater to the same, though more explicit market. Most of these magazines are slick, about two and a half years old, and have firmly established circulations.

There are several major factors in the advent and birth of these magazines, the first of which is a growing permissiveness of what can be sold on newsstands. The distinction between soft and hard core is a social one. There was a time when *any* pornography was hard core — smut was smut.

There was also a time when any nudity, with the exception of the Sistine Chapel ceiling, was considered pornography. As times changed the distinction between soft and hard core arose. Hard core was less socially acceptable (simulated sex acts) and either sold underground or in restricted areas like the Combat Zone. Soft core is usually full frontal nudity or less, and could be sold at neighborhood stores and newsstands.

The important feature of soft core was that it could not only be sold as titillation, but used to sell other material as well. *Playboy* has always used its nudity in this way. Straight men bought the magazine for the pictures

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but also because they belonged to the *Playboy* lifestyle; believed in the *Playboy* philosophy. This notion of a "lifestyle" magazine has had a profound influence on magazine publishing, advertising in general, and on the gay market in particular.

Standards changed again and in the early seventies it became permissible to have male as well as female nudes in magazines. *Playgirl* and *Viva* featured male nudes in their centerfolds and pictorial features after the style of *Playboy*. They were generally a mixture of *Cosmopolitan* and *Good Housekeeping* with cock, and the standard joke was that their market was gay men, not women. At one point *Viva* decided to go non-nude and there was a hue and cry from the *Advocate* when *Viva* editors refused to explain their actions to them. With the male nude now marketable, the next step was magazines with explicit pictures for an explicitly gay market.

Stonewall was already five years old and the concept of "Gay is Good" was beginning to mean "good for business." Homosexual lack-of-oppression (not to be confused with liberation) had reached a point where people could be open enough to purchase products that were being marketed exclusively for a gay market. One of the first signs of this was in publishing. The book market became glutted with every conceivable book on the subject — very few of them were any good. *The Joy of Gay Sex* and *The Joy of Lesbian Sex* are symptomatic of how open the market has become. Mail order houses increased their stock and it is possible to buy anything that one might need before, during, or after sex. This is not a two-bit, penny-ante industry. It is not unusual to see some of this equipment selling for thirty-five or fifty dollars, although the most extreme case was the *super acujack* that sold for over threehundreddollars.

Not all of the ads are sexually oriented and there are a great deal of other accessories to a gay lifestyle for sale. In the past eight or nine months the anti-Anita Bryant novelties have had a booming business. Not limited to bumper stickers or T-shirts, manufacturers have produced earrings, jock

straps, pendants, and toilet paper with an anti-Anita slant. In most cases the message was either "Anita Sucks" or "Fuck Anita," and a tone that matched Bryant's homophobia with an equally virulent misogyny. The advertising copy on theseads usually reads: "Fight bigotry! Wear an Anti-Anita T-shirt." This is the flip side of the ad that read "Be Liberated — wear a lambda pin." (These pins, earrings, cufflinks, or tie clasps, sell anywhere from 10 to 200 dollars.)

As each of these magazines becomes more established their advertising expands. Many record companies now have full page and back cover ads — usually for disco, sometimes classical

ket functions. Their publication indicates not so much what people will accept or tolerate, but rather what they will accede to in the face of large sales.

The Written Word

Since there has to be more in magazines than the advertisements, these magazines are faced with the prospect of filling 50 to 70 percent of their space with pictures and prose. (*Blueboy* devotes 29 percent of their space to ads, some others considerably more.) Following the example of *Playboy* they generally try to have some kind of balance between "lifestyle" and sexual material. A favorite feature is the movie star profile: usually nothing more than a puff piece of either a gay personality (Carlton Carpenter, a gay favorite (Bette Midler, Barbra Streisand), or an established, but "hot" male actor (Pacino, DiNero). The format is usually to present general chit-chat, plug the star's new film, play or book, and then get them to say that they support gay rights, human rights, or at the very least don't mind working with homosexuals. There are exceptions to the formula such as the two part article on Monte Clift by Jim Fragale in the January and February *Blueboy*. Fragale analyzes both the new Clift biographies, interviews most of the book's sources, and emerges with a third, and seemingly more accurate, portrait of the actor.

Gay literature, homosexual writers and, by marriage, the publishing industry, are also popular topics for features. Such "out" authors as Allen Ginsberg, Tennessee Williams, James Leo Herlihy and James Kirkwood have given interviews, usually in conjunction with excerpts from their new work. The January *Mandate* featured a Ginsberg piece and reprinted parts of his *Journal* and his poem, "Please Master," the sexually explicit poem apparently making up for the rather mild *Journal* and interview.

There are excursions into non-popular literature that have appeared in *In Touch*, the least slick of the magazines, usually by *Christopher Street* contributor Robert K. Martin. They give a scholarly, but popular view of such writers as Christopher Marlowe and Gerard Manley Hopkins. *Mandate* also runs an intermittent series, "Homosexuality in Literature," usually by William Cartoll Schwartz. This has delved into the likes of Gide and Proust; it is usually strange — too esoteric for the picture-gazer, and yet too simplistic for the hard core gay academic. It is one of the few features, however, with no advertising tie-ins or strings attached. It would be hard to hype anything with Gerard Manley Hopkins.

One mainstay of almost all magazines, and especially of these, are reviews. *After Dark* still maintains its film reviewer, Normal McLain Stoop (such an unfortunate name for a critic), after ten years. She is perhaps the world's worst critic (after Rona Barrett and Rex Reed), and unfortunately seems to have set the tone for a great deal of reviewing that has appeared in the offspring of *After Dark*. At worst the criticism is nothing but badly written puff pieces. (You usually find an ad for the film or book in the same magazine.) Every so often there will be a devastatingpan on an anti-homosexual book (*The Anita Bryant*

Story would obviously not get a good review in the gay-oriented press.) or film (Critics were actually divided on *Norman, Is That You?* despite the ads that most of the magazines carried for it.). In general, reviews printed are favorable — *Mandate* and *Blueboy* being the most literate and intelligent; *Playguy* prints none at all; *In Touch* sometimes does, sometimes doesn't.

There are other common features that vary from the horoscope (*Blueboy* just dropped theirs) to the "What's happening around the country" column. (A quick look at the staff box will show that most of the correspondents are also the advertising reps in each city). *Playguy*, generally more of a sex than a lifestyle magazine, has followed the example of *Viva* and prints sexual fantasies submitted by readers (although they all read the same and are probably written by whoever writes the advertising copy).

It should be remembered that magazine staffs change from issue to issue. The magazines themselves change as they become aware of who and what their audiences are and want. *Blueboy* has just finished an extensive survey and are making the appropriate changes. At this point in time, however, gay magazines such as these may rely too heavily on certain advertisers to be able to present balanced reviews and features on certain subjects. It should also be remembered that *all* gay press, from *Fag Rag* to *Christopher Street* function under the handicap of being thought of as being inferior *because* they are gay. It is not a matter of money (although it is true that *Playboy* pays more than *Blueboy* for a piece of fiction) but rather that a writer gets ahead by publishing in culturally mainstream publications — and no matter how expensive, slick, or well selling a gay magazine is, it is not culturally mainstream. Many people, and many gay people, generally presume that a gay magazine will not be as "good" or "professional" as a straight one. Of course they will buy a *Mandate* or an *In Touch* for the pictures, and to read about something gay — but they will feel obliged to say that it is not very good. And many times they aren't very good, but they are not going to get any better unless these presumptions change. *Blueboy* has published some very fine pieces of short fiction in the past year; not the Cheever or Mailer of *Playboy*, but as long as straight people with famous names are going to be presumed better, the quality of writing in *Blueboy* and others is not going to change.

Graven Images

It is an inescapable fact that no matter how good the feature, how intelligent the reviews, how classy the fiction, many people buy these magazines for the pictures. This is not necessarily the reason why the copy is bad — you can have nudes and good prose — but it is probably true that some readers don't read the magazine at all. There are many arguments for and against pornography — although most of these, especially those used by Susan Brownmiller in *Against Our Wills*, focus only upon heterosexual material. There are also apologists in the gay movement that would deny the existence or popularity of male/female pornography on the basis of respectability and "good public image." But all questions of first amendment and good

taste aside, the gay male community generally seems to enjoy both narrative and visual pornography enough to support a large industry.

I suspect that the dynamic of gay male visual pornography (and especially of the "centerfold" type that appears in these magazines) is quite different from what happens when the average heterosexual male looks at *Playboy*. An illustration of this can be seen in a recent porn film *Heavy Equipment* in which a meek young man chooses photos from porn magazines and, through the help of a magic formula, transforms himself into the picture image. The key here is identification. While the *Playboy* centerfold

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incites the viewer to lust after the image, the male centerfold more than often incites identification, a lust to *be* the image. The fact that this possibility exists at all, I think, changes the nature of the experience for homosexual men. Brownmiller states that (heterosexual) pornography is propaganda for rape; the viewer is a predator, the image a victim. Because the male viewer of male pornography can identify (something that the heterosexual male would never do with a *Playboy* centerfold) with the image, he will be less likely to be a predator since such a position implies a power relationship. To be sure a male viewer may want to have sex with an image, but this may exist simultaneously or concurrently with feelings of identification.

A political objection that many people have to this kind of erotic material is that it panders, and must by necessity, to the worst forms and concepts of standardized beauty. People actually end up feeling badly about themselves because they can't measure up to these impossible standards. To a large degree this is a valid criticism. By its nature capitalism must make the individual consumer feel inadequate in order to promote sales. (It matters little if they are selling hair dryers, jock straps, deodorant, or a weekend at Fire Island). There is a thin line and a complex notion at work here. It is possible that someone might be made to feel inadequate by looking at Michaelangelo's *David*. Yet no one would suggest that the statue not be displayed. The basic problem is not so much with *David* or the centerfolds in *Blueboy* (although there is a matter of intent present — Michaelangelo did not sculpt *David* to sell magazines) but rather our conceptions of beauty.

There is a cartoon in *Robert Patrick's Truly Gay News* Vol. 2 showing two men in a bar looking at a third. One of the two turns to the other and says: "His Greco-Roman Symmetry awakens in me the highest ideals of Western Civilization; let's see if we can get 'im drunk and fuck 'im!" Anyone's responses to erotic material are both personal and social. It is impossible to separate the two. In a culture that degrades both sexuality and any beauty that is connected with sexuality, a person's response is going to be mixed — an erotic response might become thwarted and take a violent turn; desire becomes an urge for possession.

In her book *On Photography* Susan Sontag writes: "Nobody ever discov-

ered ugliness through photographs. But many through photographs have discovered beauty . . . what moves people to take photographs is finding something beautiful." In some senses the photographs in *Blueboy* and *Mandate* are photos of beauty — not only physical beauty, but the beauty of gay sexuality. Since mainstream culture manifests itself in overwhelmingly heterosexual and misogynist terms it is a relief to find some gay images — in whatever warped contexts they may be placed. Sontag also writes that "photographs furnish evidence. Something we hear about, but doubt, seems proven when we're shown a photograph . . ." As mentioned earlier, *After Dark* was

important to many gay men in the pre-Stonewalldark ages because its very existence was proof that there was a homosexual community — or at least a group — with shared tastes and interests. On a more explicit level, magazines such as *Blueboy* do the same thing today, and their photos, to some degree, "furnish evidence" that gay male sexuality exists.

Certainly the *Playguy* centerfolk is no substitute for sex, relationships, or human contact. And it is true that it is being used to sell a magazine that in turn is selling all manner of things befitting a "gay lifestyle," most of which are junk and unnecessary. But it is important that the image — in and of itself — should not be blamed for the context in which it has been placed.

It should also be noted that most of the nude photos that appear in these magazines (*Blueboy* being the only exception) are from the major porn studies, Colt, Brentwood, Falcon, Target. Aside from their ads in the back pages, each studio has a blurb next to the photos complete with address and information about ordering more.

Where Are We Going?

The concept of a "gay lifestyle" is aimed almost entirely at gay males. This is not surprising since without the burdens of family life gay people have a lot more money to spend on themselves. Gay men are especially affected by this since gay women still suffer economically because of their oppression as *women*. The "gay lifestyle" does not speak to or for them, or third world peoples, or drag queens, or anyone else who does not have the privileges needed to exist happily under capitalism.

In a *Village Voice* piece several months ago David Rothenberg wrote of the back room bars on New York's Dock Strip. While, he admitted, they permitted a great deal of sexual freedom, this should not be confused with personal or political freedom or even social acceptance. These bars, he argued, are *allowed* to exist by city officials and could be closed down at the whim of a building or fire inspector (with or without justification). The ability to behave in certain new ways did not mean that society had radically changed; toleration occurs in a variety of forms and for any number of reasons. It may be easier to be gay in New York than in Youngstown, but we

must remember that toleration is not freedom, and that it is important to understand who is tolerated and why.

An opposing view was quoted by *Advocate* editor David Goodstein in his famous "gay spoilers" editorial, when he spoke of the gains that gays have made with well-lit bars, large discos, and expensive restaurants. For many people this may seem to be the reality; certainly it is for Mr. Goodstein whose newspaper depends upon ads for business. It is no accident that the official *Advocate* T-shirt reads *The Advocate — Touching Your Lifestyle*. It is true that now there are more and nicer bars than there were ten years ago, but there may be more to prosperity than meets the eye.

The dangers of confusing "freedom" with the ability to buy a "gay lifestyle" are obvious. Any freedom that is dependent upon money spent is going to be quantitatively and qualitatively limited. Such a lifestyle is only open to people with money and *those* people will determine the rules and limits for the whole community. Although economic pressures may bring about social change, this change is going to be completely controlled by the dominant culture since it is that culture that controls the economy.

In the past years many collectives have formed within the gay community — *Fag Rag*, *Body Politic*, *Second Wave* — and although they do work, we can hardly expect *Blueboy* or *Mandate* to collectivize themselves and return their profits to the gay community. We live in a capitalist, consumer-oriented society that is likely to remain so for many years. It is an unfortunate fact that people's liberation is closely bound to their ability to move economically within the system. *Blueboy*, *Mandate*, *In Touch*, and *Playguy* are here to stay. For all of their faults they are part of a growing awareness (though perhaps not acceptance) of gay people. They will change as the dynamic between gays and the dominant culture changes. For the time being they play a part in gay male life and cannot be ignored or discounted. Perhaps the revelations that I had ten years ago upon seeing my first *After Dark* might be useful to a young person coming out today. It's hard to tell. I would just hope that he didn't think that his weekend in P-Town, a new Donna Sommers record, and a subscription to *Blueboy* meant that all was right with the world.



A Leftist View of Dade County and Liberation

NO MORE MIAMIS! GAY LIBERATION TODAY. New York: Pathfinder Press, 1977. 39pp. 65¢.

A Review by John Kyper

This pamphlet is a production of the Socialist Workers Party. The title essay first appeared in the SWP newspaper *The Militant*, and most of the rest of the pamphlet was originally a Party Militant Forum, held early last summer in New York and featuring gay author David Thorstad, Cheryl Adams of the NOW Lesbian Rights Committee, and Joe Kear, an SWP member who worked with the Dade County Coalition. Also included are interviews with Mary Jo Risher and Leonard Matlovich.

David Thorstad's speech is, by far, the best part of the pamphlet. He places Anita Bryant's campaign against gays within the context of the current economic and social crisis of our patriarchal, capitalist society. A well-financed right wing offensive has tied together gay rights, the Equal Rights Amendment, abortion, affirmative action and labor militancy as targets for their attacks. More insidiously, he sees another faction of the ruling classes at work in the Rockefeller think-tank, the Trilateral Commission, which seeks "governability" at the expense of individual liberties.



President Carter, his Vice President and prominent members of his administration are members of the Commis-

gays to refrain from criticizing Carter's notable silence on the gay issue. (The belief that the President is a "secret friend" of ours dies hard. I remember one letter to GCN last summer advocating that we adopt the slogan "Support the President"!)

The rest of the pamphlet attempts to tie together the connections, but with much less success. Some pieces simply abound with rhetoric and clichés, which I resent having shoved down my throat, like the repeated, moralistic condemnations of the hypocrisies of Save Our Children. But Joe Kear and Diane Wang, at least, redeem themselves by depicting how the right wing mobilized and dominated the Miami debate, and the fatal error of gay leadership in Miami of relying on a public relations campaign.

But *No More Miamis!* falls down when it faces the issue of where-do-we-go-from-here. There is no discussion of the strained relations within this coalition of lesbians and gay men. And there is an obligatory sectarian dig, in response to a lengthy Spartacist League diatribe during the Forum (which, mercifully, wasn't printed here). Finally — they could have found some better title than a political slogan, complete with exclamation mark.

In spite of these shortcomings, the pamphlet serves as a good introduction, especially to those who are unacquainted with the development of the gay liberation movement in the past decade.

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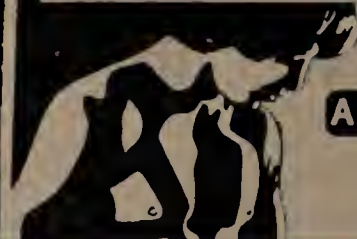
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This week's fun-thing-to-do-in-winter is **Sleigh Rides**. Every Friday and Saturday, the Mass. Audubon's Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary in Topsfield offers sleigh-rides that are 45 minutes long and whisk you through the forest, by the streams and into a winter wonderland. The rides begin at noon, one, two and three pm and admission is \$3. Phone 1-887-2241 for more information. . .

Television Time! Of interest to the gay community this week on the tube is an interview with **Lisa McMillan**, the six-foot-tall leading "person" of **The Club**, showing at the Charles Playhouse. On Wednesday, January 25 at 7:30 pm on WBZ Channel 4, **Robin Young** will interview **Lisa** about sexism and showbiz. We'll also see **Lisa** make the transformation from woman to man, and there will be scenes from the show. . . On Sunday, January 29, at 5:30, the program *Say Brother* will fea-

ture **Mel King: Time and Distance**. The show is on WGBH-Channel 2 and will focus on the political career of the State Rep. for the South End. **Mel** has already announced his candidacy for mayor of Boston, and, as a strong supporter of gay rights, this show should be of interest to us all. . .



Photo by Don Hanover III

Craig Russell

At the Community Church of Boston on January 22, Sunday, at 11 am, **Maxine Klein** of the **Little Flags Theatre Co.**, will speak on the relevance of the cultural worker to the political community. **Maxine**, who directed *Emma*, *Fanshen*, and *The Furies of Mother Jones* also won an "Obie" for the play *Approaching Simone* in New York City. The **Little Flags Co.** will perform songs and scenes from their current productions. . . Don't forget that **Adrienne Rich** will perform a poetry reading on Wednesday, January 25 at 7:30 in Harvard's Sanders Theatre. Tickets are \$3.50 at the door and the show's a benefit for **Elizabeth Stone House**.

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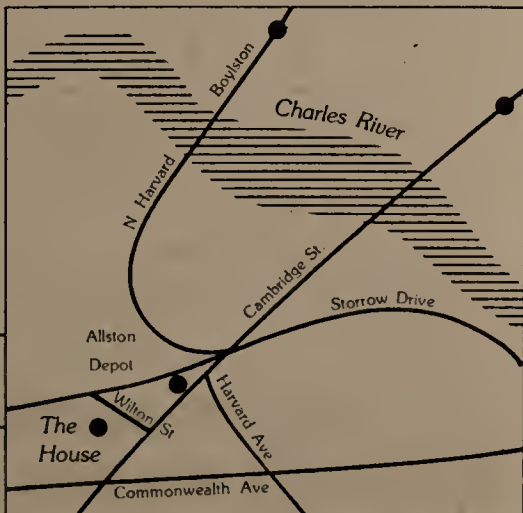


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MONDAYS
11:30am — Lesbian Support Group meeting at Tufts Women's Center, 628-5000 ext. 702.
12 noon — Northeastern U. GSO meeting, Eli Center, rm. 349, 369 Huntington Ave., Boston. Everyone welcome.
5:30pm — Women's Community Health Center open house, 137 Hampshire St., Cambridge.
6-10pm — NH Lambda for Lesbians, phone (603) 228-8542.
6-8pm — Lesbian awareness consciousness-raising group. BU Women's Center, basement of Sherman Union Bldg. 353-4240.
6:30-9pm — Gay Youth get together. MIT Walker Memorial, rm 306, 142 Memorial Dr., Cambridge. Social get together for gay teens 15-19.
6:30-8pm — Alcoholism discussion/education group for lesbians, Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1145 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA, 661-1316.
6:30-8:30pm — Gay Health Services by appointment, Fenway Community Health Center, 16 Haviland St., Boston, 267-7573.
7pm — Gay alcoholics group, 10 Walnut St., Worcester, MA.
7-9pm — Supportive lesbian rap, Janus House, 21 Bay St., Cambridge, (617) 661-2537.
7-9pm — U. of Vermont Gay Switchboard, 656-4173.
7-10pm — UMass Gay Women's Caucus Hotline, 545-3438.
7-9pm — Yggdrasil Gay Gathering at Yggdrasil, 15 Gilbert Rd., Storrs, CT, (203) 486-4737.
7:30pm — UMass Amherst, Bisexual Women's Rap Group, Campus Center.
7:30pm — Coming Out Course, Clearspace Community Center, 126 Beacon St. (617) 482-0494/277-2484.
8pm — Nashua (N.H.) Area Gays rap session; call (603) 882-8732.
8pm — Monadnock Area Gays, for information call Fitzwilliam, NH (603) 585-9419.
8pm — Lesbian Rap and Action Group, Cambridge Women's Center basement, (617) 354-8807.
8pm — Lesbian Rap at Women's Center, 215 Park St. NH.
8pm — GPC business meeting, Columbia U., Fernald Basement, Broadway at 115th St.
8-9pm — "None of the Above," WWUH-FM (91.3), West Hartford, CT, (203) 521-4553.
8pm — Lesbian Rap at Women's Center, 148 Orange St., New Haven, CT.
8:30pm — Gay Alanon (gay alcoholics). Info. 843-5300.
8:30pm — Hartford Gay Alcoholics Group, (203) 522-2646.
8:30pm — Gay Alliance at Yale, open meeting, basement Hendrie Hall, 165 Elm St., New Haven, 436-8945; public welcome.
9pm — Gay discussion group, Columbia U., Fernald basement, Broadway at 115th St.

TUESDAYS
9am-2:30pm — Brown U. Gay Lib, 305 Faunce House, Providence, RI, 863-3062.
6:30-8pm — Women's Gay Collective, Women's Center, UConn, CT. (203) 486-4738.
7pm — Pot Luck Supper, 228½ Atwells Ave., Providence, RI.
7:30pm — Integrity, gay Episcopalians, Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St., Boston.
8pm — Springfield Gay Alliance, First Unitarian Church, 245 Porter Lake Dr., Springfield.
8pm — Martha's Vineyard gay women and men rap group; info call 627-5370.
8pm — DOB women's rap, 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA, 661-3633.
8:30pm — Providence Gay Group of AA, Assumption Parish Hall, 791 Potters Ave., Providence, RI, 231-5853.
WEDNESDAYS
6:30-8:30pm — Gay Health Services, Fenway Community Health Center, 16 Haviland St., Boston, 267-7573.
7pm — MCC/Providence Potluck at Parsonage, rap during and after dinner. Bring and share. (401) 272-9247.
7pm — Lesbian Support Group, UNH Women's Center, Durham, NH
7pm — Liberation Rap Group, (617) 756-0730.
7pm — Framingham Unicorn Society meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday; Box 163, Framingham, MA 01701.
7-10pm — Gay Women's Collective meeting. Storrs, CT. Info: (203) 486-4738.
7-10pm — Gay Women's Collective, UConn Women's Center, (203) 486-4738.
7-10pm — Gay Women's Collective meeting, Storrs, CT. Info. (203) 486-4738.
7-9pm — University of Vermont Gay Switchboard, (802) 656-4173.
7:30pm — MCC midweek service, 11 Amity St., Hartford, CT.
8pm — Discussion group for lesbians and gay men, Christ Church, 20 Carroll St., Poughkeepsie, NY.
8pm — HUM meets, Box 262, Fitchburg, MA 01420.
8pm — Yalesbians meeting, rm. B-8, Hendrie Hall, 165 Elm St., New Haven, CT, 436-8945.
8-10pm — Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Student Assoc. meeting. 2nd floor, Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard. 498-2014.
8-10pm — URI Gay Social Club, 4th floor Group Room, Roosevelt Hall. (401) 792-5954 or Carl 789-8360.
8:30pm — Gay-straight Rap, UConn, Mental Health Clinic, (203) 486-4705.
9-12pm — Gay Social, Columbia U., Fernald Basement, Broadway at 115th St.
10:15pm — "Gaybreak Radio" on WMUA-FM (91.1) (1st and 3rd Wednesdays).
10:15pm — "Gay News" radio on WHUS-FM, (91.7), Storrs, CT.

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THURSDAYS
9am-2:30pm — Brown U. Gay Lib, 305 Faunce House, Providence, RI, 863-3062.
5pm — Brandeis Gay Alliance, Usdan Student Ctr., Conf. Rm. C, Brandeis U., Waltham, MA.
7pm — Gay Alcoholics, St. Vincents Hospital, Worcester, MA.
7m — Game Night, 5 Junction St., Providence, RI, alternate weeks.
7-10pm — UMass Gay Women's Caucus Hotline, 545-3438.
7:30pm — Daughters of Bilitis. Gay women's rap at the Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge. For more information call 661-3633.
7:30pm — UConn Gay Alliance meets in the Student Union, Rm. 218, University of Connecticut, Storrs.
8pm — Womenspace coffeehouse and workshop, 11 Amity St., Hartford, CT.
8pm — Capital Dist. Gay Comm. Council, 332 Hudson Ave., Albany, NY 12210.
8pm — Dykes & Tykes, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge, MA, third floor, care for young people, 354-8807.
8-9pm — Lesbian Mother rap group, 21 Bay St., Cambridge, MA, 661-2537.
8:15pm — Drinking problems rap group, HCHS, 80 Boylston St., Rm. 855, Boston.
8:30pm — Gay Women's Caucus, UMass/Amherst, 8th floor of Campus Center.
8:30pm — Gay Alliance at Yale, Hendrie Hall basement, 436-8945, New Haven, CT.
9pm — Emerson Homophile Society, rm. 24, 96 Beacon St., Boston.

FRIDAYS
7-8:30pm — GRAC swimming, Lindemann Cntr, Staniford St., across from Longfellow Towers.
7-9pm — GRAC men's basketball, Lindemann Center, Hurley Bldg., Staniford St., Boston.
7:30pm — Am Tikva service, social at Frost Lounge, Eli Center, Northeastern Univ., 300 Huntington Ave., Boston.
7:30pm — Rap group for men and women, MGTF, 193 Middle St., Portland, ME.
7:30pm — Lesbian Feminist Workshop, 21 Bay St., Cambridge, MA; info call 783-9415.
7:30pm — Gay get-together, downstairs round-room, Billings Center, U of VT, Burlington.
8:30pm — Berkshire Community Gay Coalition meets at 175 Wendell Ave., Pittsfield, MA. Call (617) 442-9450, M-Th eves.
8:30pm — Alcoholics Together, Our Lady of Victory Church, Isabella St., Boston.
9-12pm — GAY coffeehouse, Hendrie Hall basement, 165 Elm St., New Haven, CT.

SATURDAYS
2pm — Project Lambda Rap session for gay teenagers, 70 Charles St., Boston.
8pm-12 — Brown U. Gay Lib, 305 Faunce House, Providence, RI; 863-3062.
10pm-3am — Worcester Hotline, 791-6562.



SUNDAYS
9am — Closet Space 740AM with Lisa Schwartz and Joe Martin. (Boston)
11am — Church of the Beloved Disciple, 348 West 14th St., NYC.
1-2:30pm — GRAC swimming, Lindemann Cntr, Staniford St., across from Longfellow Towers.
2pm — Church of the Beloved Disciple, 348 West 14th St., NYC.
2pm — MCC/Worcester service, Central Cong. Church, 6 Institute Rd., Worcester.
2:30pm — "Gay A's" Alcoholics Rap, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.
3-6pm — Gay folkdancing for women & men, Peabody Room, 3rd floor, Phillips Brooks House (north end of Harvard Yard). Call Eric (617) 666-0926.
4-6pm — Gay Women's Group of Providence rap, (401) 831-5184.
5pm — Dignity/Integrity Mass, St. Luke's Church, 17 S. Fitzhugh St., Rochester, NY.
5pm — MCC/Boston Bible study group, 131 Cambridge St., 523-7664.
5:30pm — Exodus Mass, St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston.
5:30pm — Dignity service, Arlington St. Church, Boylston St. entrance, Boston.
6:30pm — Gay Church services, 23 Franklin St., Bangor, ME.
7pm — Church of the Beloved Disciple, 348 West 14th St., NYC.
7pm — MCC services, South Church, 292 State St., Portsmouth, NH (first Sunday of month).
7pm — MCC/Providence, 134 Mathewson St. (401) 272-9247.
7pm — MCC/NY worship, 201 W. 13th St. (corner of 7th Ave.).
7pm — MCC/Boston, worship and fellowship, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.
7:30pm — MCC worship, 425 College St., New Haven, CT.
7:30pm — MCC/Hartford, 11 Amity St., Hartford, CT.
8pm-12 — Brown U. Gay Lib, 305 Faunce House, Providence, RI, 863-3062.
8-12pm — NH Lambda for lesbians; phone (603) 332-4440.

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24 tues

Providence, RI — RI Gay Political Caucus general meeting, 7:30 pm, 55 Eddy St., Rm. 304. Info: (401) 751-3322 (Gay Help Line).

25 wed

Concord, NH — Richard Ballon reads his work 7:30 to 9 pm, "A Step: A Mandala of Poetic Vision," Concord Public Library. Call (617) 272-726 for info.

Boston, MA — Metropolitan Community Church midweek service, 131 Cambridge St., Old West Church, 8 pm.

26 thurs

Allston, MA — Clearspace get acquainted party, 8pm. Call (617) 277-2484 for info.

Boston, MA — Adrienne Rich reads selections concerning mothers and prisons, 7:30 pm, UMass Boston, 100 Arlington St. \$2 donation. Sponsored by Turning Point Prison Project.

27 fri

Seattle, WA — Radical Women, the oldest socialist women's organization in the country, will hold a conference this weekend. "A Decade of Socialist Feminism" is the theme. Call (206) 632-1815 or 623-7449 for information.

28 sat

NYC — The fundraising dance scheduled at Congregation Beth Simchat Torah to benefit the Village Nursing Home, Greenwich Village, has been cancelled.

29 sun

Boston, MA — Closet Space guest: Sasha Gregory-Lewis, senior editor of the *Advocate*. 740 AM, WCAS, 9 am.

tues 31

Cambridge, MA — Boston Chapter of the National Organization for Women announces its general meeting. Discussion will be held on IWY-Houston featuring NOW members who attended the conference, and a slide show of Houston. 99 Bishop Allen Dr. (617) 661-6015.

NYC — The West Side Discussion Group presents "Is Gay Unity Imperative?" Martin Walker of the Christopher Street Liberation Day Committee will speak. For info call (212) 675-0143.

2 thur

Cambridge, MA — Vocations for Social Change and Little Flags Theatre present a new revised "Furies of Mother Jones" and the premiere of their newest play "Winds of the People." Three benefit performances. Call (617) 661-1570 for times and ticket information.

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